

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7 are pending. By this Response, claims 1 and 7 are amended and claim 9 is cancelled. Allowance of the application based on the above-amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office action rejects claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable Doron (U.S. 6,559,88) in view of Kaji (U.S. 5,838,370). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the features of claim 9 which the Office Action has deemed to contain allowable subject matter. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 7 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the rejections to the claims are now moot.

Therefore, based on the incorporation of the allowable features into the independent claims, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 7 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J.


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Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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